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In re Patent No. 6,427,172 :  
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 Attorney Docket No. CY-98055 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed July 11, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

If reconsideration of this decision is desired, a petition for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.378(e) must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. No extension of this two-month time limit can be granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

Any petition for reconsideration of this decision must be accompanied by the petition fee of \$400 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(f). The petition for reconsideration must include the lacking item(s) noted below, since, after a decision on the petition for reconsideration, no further reconsideration or review of the matter will be undertaken by the Commissioner.

A petition to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee under 35 U.S.C. § 41(c) and 37 CFR 1.378(c) must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the delay was unintentional; (2) payment of the appropriate maintenance fee, unless previously submitted; (3) payment of the surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2). The instant petition lacks item (1) of the above items

With regards to item (1) the instant petition is not signed. The statement required in item (1) has not been signed by petitioner. A grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.378(c) must include the required statement signed by:

- 1) An attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with § 1.34(b);
- 2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under

the provisions of§ 1.34(a);

(3) The assignee of record of the entire interest, if there is an assignee of record of the entire interest;

(4) An assignee of record of an undivided part interest, and any assignee(s) of the remaining interest and any applicant retaining an interest, if there is an assignee of record of an undividing part interest; or

(5) **All of the applicants (§§ 1.42.1.43 and 1.47) for patent, unless there is an assignee of record of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with §§ 3.71 and 3.73.**

Petitioner has failed to sign the petition and therefore the petition submitted is considered improper.

If this petition is not renewed or if renewed and not granted, then petitioner may request a refund of the maintenance and surcharge fees paid. The fee for requesting reconsideration is not refundable.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address on the petition; however, all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record.

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